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1. REPORT FROM "ECHO" ON LENSEN BEING IN "THE COUNTRYSIDE".
2. REQUEST FOR SANCTION OF EMPLOYMENT OF A NEW CLEANER. (1944)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 1029

22 July 44

To VIKTOR.

Your telegram no. 2641[a]. ECHO[ECHO][i] advises that LENSEN[ii] is in the COUNTRYSIDE[DEREVNIA][iii]. She was dismissed from her work on the Spanish Committee for slackness. Nothing more is known.

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In view of the departure of the former cleaner[b][iv] will you allow the cleaning to be done by a new girl Anya[c] [O% D.] KORENKOVA who will only see BORIS[v] here in his capacity as a worker in the Secret Cipher Office [SSHO]. Should you sanction this we will pay her 15 a month. If you object the cleaning will have to be entrusted to a permanent staff member [KADROVYJ RABOTNIK] of the OFFICE[KONTORA][vi]. Telegraph your reply.

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MAY[MAJ][vii]

[Notes and Comments overleaf]

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Notes: [a] Not available.

[b] The Russian makes it clear that the former cleaner was a woman.

[c] Anya : Diminutive form of Anna.

Comments: [i] ECHO : Bernard SCHUSTER.

[ii] LENSEN, Marianne (née Mary Ann DIEHL), alias Mary GROHOL. "

[iii] COUNTRYSIDE: MEXICO

[iv] May refer to ZARÉ (Elena Konstantinovna GORBUNOVA), who at her own request was sent home to the Soviet Union in mid-July 1944 (of. S/NBF/T78 and T135) as she was suffering from tuberculosis. She appears to have been employed at the Soviet Consulate-General in NEW YORK, but her exact function is unknown.

[v] BORIS : Aleksandr Pavlovich SAPRYGIN, cipher clerk in the Soviet Consulate-General in NEW YORK.

[vi] KONTORA: The MGB office in the Consulate-General in NEW YORK.

[vii] MAJ : Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.